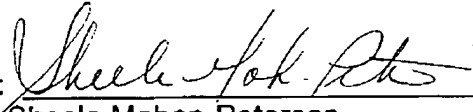


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EXHIBIT A

The invention provided herein relates generally to purified genes encoding mammalian cytokines as well reagents related thereto including purified proteins, specific antibodies, and nucleic acids encoding these molecules. In particular, the novel cytokine, IL-B30, is provided herein as well as methods and kits for the detection of the expression of IL-B30 polynucleotides.